

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on April 28, 2020

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate, and/or vote on the following dockets

In attendance: Chairperson Margaret Curran and Todd Bianco. Remotely: Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Anthony, Margaret Hogan, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

- I. Approval of Minutes of Open Meeting held on March 6, 2020 – Chairperson Curran moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion. **Vote 2-0.** Commissioner Gold abstained because she was not present at this Open Meeting.
- II. Approval of the Minutes of Open Meeting held on March 18, 202 – Chairperson Curran moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 5012 – Kent County Water Authority** – Kent County Water submitted on April 17, 2020 a tariff filing request to waive interest charge on delinquent accounts in response to the State’s COVID-19 Emergency. The Division recommends approval. After consideration, Chairperson Curran moved to grant the Kent County Water’s request. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 4770 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – National Grid submitted on April 3, 2020 amended compliance filing to remove references to the recently-terminated Optional Large Demand Rate (G-62) (Rate G-62) in RIPUC No. 2098 entitled *Qualifying Facilities Power Purchase Rate* (the QF Tariff). The Division submitted a memo recommending approval. After consideration, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the amended compliance filing. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 4999 - The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record regarding National Grid’s December 23, 2019 Declaratory Judgment Petition submitted pursuant R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-30-2 and 42-35-8(c) and PUC Rule 1.11(c). National Grid sought interpretation of the Company’s rights and obligations to a customer, International Packaging Corporation (InterPak), under tariff RIPUC NG-GAS No. 1010. Specifically,

National Grid sought resolution to four questions. After review of the record, the following motion were made:

a.) Commissioner Anthony moved that under the facts and circumstances regarding InterPak's request, the PUC finds that National Grid gas tariff permits the company to provide an additional assignment capacity to InterPak capacity assigned account to serve the capacity assignment requested. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The PUC found that of the requested resolutions, the first three did not appear to be ripe for resolution. In the first requested resolution, the customer is not requesting to convert capacity from exempt account to the assigned account. In the second requested resolution, the company is not requesting to decrease load on the exempt account. In the third requested resolution, there appeared nothing to resolve because the parties agreed to the facts. The fourth resolution appeared to be ripe because the company did not follow the normal corporate actions as the tariff would have directed.

b.) Chairperson Curran moved to grant protective treatment of certain confidential information contained in Attachment Division 1-1 and Attachment Division 1-7. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

VI. Renewable Energy Resource Eligibility Application submitted in the following dockets:

Docket No. 5019 – Wallingford Solar LLC's application for eligibility certification of the Wallingford Solar generation unit, a 2.2 MW AC (3.38 MW DC) solar facility located in Wallingford, Vermont, as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC consultant recommended approval. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the application. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Docket No. 5021 – Battle Creek Solar, LLC's application for eligibility certification of the Battle Creek 1 Solar generation unit, a 2.2 MW AC (3.38 MW DC) solar facility located in Bennington, Vermont as a New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC consultant recommended approval. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the application. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

VII. The Open Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M. A video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>